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Following the letter our Legal Counsel, Jim Touchstone sent to DOJ regarding their bulletin on out of state sharing of ALPR data, DOJ held a meeting with representatives from Cal Chiefs, CSSA and CPOA. Jim and I both outlined our concerns with the bulletin explaining the importance of ALPR data sharing with out-of-state law enforcement agencies and that preventing this data sharing would severely hamper a large number of interstate investigations, like child sex trafficking, homicides and other serious crimes cross state lines. We pointed out there is no basis in state law or appellate court decisions that were intended to prevent ALPR data sharing between states and offered to engage further with DOJ on this issue.

Jonathan Feldman and I met with **Kevin McCarty**, the new Assembly Public

Safety Committee chair. The primary focus of the discussion was centered around retail theft and outlining our issues with Proposition 47. We made it clear that any legislative fix needs to first and foremost strengthen penalties on repeat offenders, which would likely require putting another ballot measure before voters in November of 2024.

The Executive Committee met with the Little Hoover Commission Wednesday to discuss their study on retail theft. Each member detailed the significant limitations in looking solely at arrest data. Internally, we are developing ideas for statewide data collection to highlight the true extent of the problem we are all facing.

We held another successful PAC fundraiser in Los Angeles on December 6th. Many thanks to Beverly Hills Chief **Mark Stainbrook** for organizing the event.

Our Board of Directors met in Pismo Beach last week. We appreciate all that Pismo Beach Chief **Jeff Smith** did in hosting the meeting. The board did a deeper dive into all we have accomplished in our current Strategic Plan and the new initiates added and discussed having our Member Engagement Committee review the association's dues structure. The board also received an update on the status of the accreditation program the association is launching and heard updates from our legislative advocate, legal counsel and committee chairs as well as an update on the success of our recent PAC fundraisers.

The board took the following actions at the meeting:
• Adopted the **2024 CPCA Legislative Platform**.
• Endorsed the following candidates for office recommended by our Political Action Committee:
o Edward Han, 44th Assembly District
o Michell Rodriguez, 53rd Assembly District
o Efren Martinez, 57th Assembly District
o Colin Parent, 79th Assembly District
o Edith Villapudua, 5th Senate District
o Tim Grayson, 9th Senate District
o Yvonne You, 25th Senate District
• Adopted an updated contract with ARC Strategies for the services of our Legislative Advocate, Jonathan Feldman and his firm.
• Appointed Selma Police Commander **Rene Garza** to the CPCA Board of Directors as the Central California Associate Member Representative.

LEGISLATIVE

We are nearing the start of the legislative session in early January and the focus right now is on retail theft. In addition to the Little Hoover Commission hearing that was held yesterday, the Assembly Select Committee on Retail Theft is holding a hearing next week and I'll be one of the stakeholders testifying.

The Legislative Analyst Office released a report detailing that California is expected to have a $68 billion budget deficit next year, although we have not heard report of any

impending public safety budget cuts.

Several pressing issues remain at the forefront of our recent policy conversations, including changing the erroneous interpretation of law enforcement education requirements. The law, as written, could be taken either way and some interpret it to say that new hires would require a BA and a modern policing degree. We are quite confident we can address this issue to ensure the law is clear that it is and "or" not an "and" related to the educational requirements coming our way. Additionally, we are working on the cannabis/use testing issue (POST recently sent out an updated background form based on the new law) and RIPA regulations requiring gender/race data of our officers. We continue to raise alarm and press for swift action to correct this issues at the start of next year.

Our **Legislative Committee** met this week to review bill proposals that are already emerging, including:
• Draft language proposal related to facial recognition
• Language for a bill prohibiting resentencing for cop killers
• K9 proposals
• Amendments to a bill on adding CSO's to the Brady List
• Discussion around the topic of sexual assault victims intake

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COMMITTEES

Our **Wellness Committee** met last week and reviewed the status of our Executive Peer Support program and mobile app. It is expected to launch next week for all chiefs. The committee also discussed the upcoming May 2nd Wellness Summit and potential topic areas. A Request for Proposals has been developed and members are encouraged to submit proposals for summit presentations.

The **WLLE Committee** met this week in lieu of the regularly scheduled November and December meetings that both fell on holidays. The committee discussed the addition of new committee members for 2024 and brainstormed ideas for keynotes and workshops. Registration for WLLE will open on February 12, 2024, so mark your calendars.

The **ATS Committee** also met this week in lieu of the regularly scheduled November and December meetings that both fell on holidays as well. The committee reviewed the submitted workshop proposals and brainstormed new ideas. At this time, the committee has filled most of the available workshop slots. Registration is currently open and early bird ends on December 31, 2023.Register today by clicking here.

TRAINING

Have you registered for the 2024 Technology Summit yet? A few weeks ago, we

announced our panel topics for this year, and we could not be more excited to bring this event to you on March 21, 2024. Join us in Rohnert Park for packed day of discussion o nReal Time Crime Centers, Crypto Fraud, and Artificial Intelligence for Policing. Sign your team up today!

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Mark Stainbrook, Chief, Beverly Hills Police Department, Chair, PAC Fundraising Committee.

“We are at a critical juncture in the State, and it is time to rebalance the poorly thought-out laws that have led us here. Every police chief in California has seen a rise in crime, particularly violent crime by repeat offenders. I enjoy being a change-maker and in a critical position to help CalChiefs affect positive change in the state. I am proud of this organization and being able to support your work to keep our communities safe.”

Just For Fun: Get to Know Chief Stainbrook:
Q: What gets you out of bed in the morning?
A: I still love coming to work every day after 34 years in law enforcement. It is always better when I get to hit the weight room and work out first! It might sound cliché, but I enjoy watching my officers and professional staff grow and succeed. The job is still interesting and exciting to me and always challenging. I wish I could go back and start all over again. I loved being a street cop.

Q: What is your favorite way to spend a day off?
A: Any day with my kids are the best. My son and I like fishing and my daughter likes to take me to do something creative, like painting. Last weekend my son came to visit, and we spent both days at work, but he got to see the Presidential visit and BHPD take a robbery suspect into custody. It’s like he says when we are fishing, but don’t catch anything: “The main thing is we got to hangout!”

MEMBER RECOGNITION

Paul Tomasi was appointed chief of the Carmel Police Department. He had previously retired from the department in 2021.

Chris Parker was appointed chief of the Cloverdale Police Department. He was previously a lieutenant with the department and is replacing **Jason Ferguson** who is retiring.

Armando Orozco was appointed interim chief of the Calexico Police Department. He is currently a sergeant with the department and is replacing Interim Chief **Victor Legaspi** who retired.

Alejandro Hernandez was appointed interim Chief of the National City Police Department. He is currently an assistant chief with the department and is replacing **Jose Telles** who retired.

Jerry Nicholson was appointed interim chief with the Delano Police Department. He is currently a captain with the department and is replacing **Tyson Davis**.
California State Fullerton Police Chief **Anthony Frisbee** and BART Police Chief **Kevin Franklin** joined Cal Chiefs as affiliate members.

Woodland Police Lieutenant **Victoria Danzl**, Belmont Police Captain **Andrew Armando**, Roseville Police Captain **Jeff Beigh**, Walnut Creek Police Lieutenant **Bruce Jower**, Los Angeles Police Captain **Jay Hom**, and Petaluma Police Lieutenant **Mathew Parnow** joined Cal Chiefs as associate members.

I'm always around and welcome any feedback regarding any association business or otherwise. Please feel free to reach out to me directly at agammelgard@californiapolicechiefs.org.

Warmly,
President Alex Gammelgard

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